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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The listing of claims presents each claim with its respective status shown in parentheses. Only those claims being amended herein show their changes in highlighted form, i.e., insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions) while deletions appear as strikethrough (e.g., ~~deletions~~). All previously amended claims appears as clean text.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A coded media file stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

media data;

code bits, said code bits representing a value indicating that the media data may be transmitted in accordance with at least one transmission protocol and said code bits being stored in a computer-readable medium prior to transmission of said media data; and

second data indicating relating to rights relating to said media data, said ~~code bits stored in a second computer-readable medium prior to transmission of said media data.~~

2. **(Original)** The coded media file of Claim 1 wherein said code bits represent a value indicating that the media data may not be transmitted in accordance with at least one transmission protocol.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The coded media file of Claim 1, wherein said ~~access~~ code bits are encrypted and wherein said value is determined by decrypting said access code bits.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The coded media file of Claim 1, wherein said second data indicates rights related ~~relate~~ to copyright rights.

5. **(Original)** The coded media file of Claim 1, wherein said code bits represent a value indicating that the media data may be transmitted in accordance with at least two transmission protocols.

6. **(Original)** The coded media file of Claim 5, wherein at least one of the at least two transmission protocols is a streaming transmission protocol.

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7. **(Original)** The coded media file of Claim 5, wherein at least one of the at least two transmission protocols is a recording protocol.

8. **(Original)** The coded media file of Claim 5, wherein at least one of the at least two transmission protocols is a protocol including storage of the media data in a non-volatile memory.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A reference file stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

a reference to a media file stored on a computer-readable medium; and
at least one first parameter value;

said media file comprising:

media data; and

at least one second parameter value; and

said at least one first parameter value and said at least one second parameter value used operative to enable transmission of said media data in accordance with an at least one transmission protocol.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The reference file of Claim 9, wherein said at least one first and at least one second parameter values disable transmission of said media data in accordance with a transmission protocol other than said at least one transmission protocol.

11. **(Original)** The reference file of Claim 9, further comprising a hyperlink wherein said reference to a media file and said at least first one parameter value are within said hyperlink.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A method of encoding a media file comprising media data, the method comprising:

determining at least one desired transmission protocol;

computing a first value;

using wherein said first value is used to enable transmission of said media data in accordance with said at least one desired transmission protocol; and

storing said media file, comprising said media data and said first value, on a computer-readable medium.

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13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein said at least one desired transmission protocols comprises a streaming transmission protocol.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein said first value disables transmission of said media data in accordance with a transmission protocol other than said at least one desired transmission protocol.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein said first value enables transmission of said media data in accordance with at least two desired transmission protocols.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions to perform a method of encoding a media file comprising media data, the method comprising:

determining at least one desired transmission protocol;

computing a first value;

wherein, using said first value ~~is used~~ to enable transmission of said media data in accordance with said at least one desired transmission protocols; and

storing said media file, comprising said media data and said first value, on a computer-readable medium.

17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, wherein said at least one desired transmission protocols comprises a streaming transmission protocol.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, wherein said access value disables transmission of said media data in accordance with a transmission protocol other than said at least one desired transmission protocol.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, wherein said access value enables transmission of said media data in accordance with at least two desired transmission protocols.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for regulating the transmission of media data, the method comprising:

transmitting a request ~~corresponding to~~ for a media file, said media file comprising said media data and a transmission value, and said transmission value indicating at least one desired transmission protocol;

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receiving said transmission value;

determining whether said transmission value permits said media file to be transmitted in accordance with at least one requested transmission protocol; and transmitting a request to transmit said media data.

21. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, wherein said determining whether said transmission value permits said media file to be transmitted in accordance with at least one requested transmission protocol comprises:

receiving at least one parameter value, said at least one parameter indicative of at least one requested transmission protocol; and

determining whether said at least one requested transmission protocol is in accordance with said parameter value.

22. **(Original)** The method of Claim 21, wherein said determining whether said at least one requested transmission protocol is in accordance with said transmission value comprises:

decrypting at least a portion of a header of said media file, said header comprising encrypted access code bits indicative of said transmission value; and comparing said transmission value to a value corresponding to said at least one requested transmission protocol.

23. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, wherein said transmission value is indicative of at least one undesired transmission protocol.

24. **(Original)** The method of Claim 23, wherein said at least one undesired transmission protocol comprises a recording protocol.

25. **(Original)** The method of Claim 23, wherein said at least one undesired transmission protocol comprises a protocol including storage of the media data in a non-volatile memory.

26. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, wherein said transmission value is indicative of at least two undesired transmission protocols.

27. **(Currently Amended)** A method for regulating the transmission of media data, the method comprising:

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~~receiving~~ transmitting a request corresponding to for a media file, said media file comprising said media data and a transmission value, said ~~access~~ transmission value indicative of at least one desired transmission protocol;

acquiring said ~~access~~ transmission value from said media file;

receiving a request to transmit said media data; and

transmitting said media data in accordance with the desired transmission protocol.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 27, further comprising transmitting at least one parameter value, said at least one parameter indicative of at least one requested transmission protocol.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein said transmission value is indicative of at least one undesired transmission protocol.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein said transmission value is indicative of at least two desired transmission protocols.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein said ~~access~~ transmission value is indicative of at least two undesired transmission protocols.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions to perform a method for regulating the transmission of media data, the method comprising:

receiving a request corresponding to a media file, said media file comprising said media data and an access value, and said transmission value indicating at least one desired transmission protocol;

acquiring said transmission value from said media file;

transmitting said transmission value;

receiving a request to transmit said media data;

said request being related to said access value; and

transmitting said media data in accordance with the desired transmission protocol.

33. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 32, wherein the method further comprises:

transmitting at least one parameter value;

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said at least one parameter indicative of at least one requested transmission protocol.

34. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 32, wherein said access value is indicative of at least one undesired transmission protocol.

35. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 32, wherein said access value is indicative of at least two desired transmission protocols.

36. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 32, wherein said access value is indicative of at least two undesired transmission protocols.

37. **(Currently Amended)** A media file stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

media data; and

a header comprising bits; and,

said bits enabling transmission of said media data in accordance with at least two desired transmission protocols.

38. **(Original)** The media file of Claim 37, wherein at least one of the at least two desired transmission protocols is a streaming transmission protocol.

39. **(Original)** The media file of Claim 38, wherein at least one of the at least two desired transmission protocols is a recording protocol.

40. **(Original)** The media file of Claim 38, wherein at least one of the at least two desired transmission protocols is a protocol including storage of the media data in a non-volatile memory.

41. **(Original)** The media file of Claim 37, wherein said access bits disable transmission of said media data in accordance with at least one undesired transmission protocol.

42. **(Original)** The media file of Claim 41, wherein said at least one undesired transmission protocol comprises a recording protocol.

43. **(Original)** The media file of Claim 41, wherein said at least one undesired transmission protocol comprises a protocol including storage of the media data in a non-volatile memory.

44. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium comprising instructions to perform a method for receiving media data, the method comprising:

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receiving media data transmitted in accordance with a first transmission protocol; and

wherein said media data ~~originating~~ originates from a media file comprising said media data and code bits indicative of said first transmission protocol.

45. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 44, wherein said code bits are indicative of said first transmission protocol and a second transmission protocol.

46. **(Original)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 45, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving said media data in accordance with said second transmission protocol.

47. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

requesting data from a data server on a media network managed by a media service provider;

receiving data from a data server, the server associated with requested media data;

using the received data to locate at least one media data server, the media data server separate from the media network and controlled by a media data owner independent of the media service provider; and

accessing the requested media data from the media data server.

48. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 47, wherein the media network comprises an Internet.

49. **(Currently Amended)** A program storage device storing instructions that when executed performs the method comprising:

requesting data from a data server on a media network managed by a media service provider;

receiving data from a data server, the server associated with requested media data;

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using the received data to locate at least one media data server, the media data server separate from the media network and controlled by a media data owner independent of the media service provider; and
accessing the requested media data from the media data server.

50. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for requesting data from a data server on a media network managed by a media service provider;

means for receiving data from a data server, the server associated with requested media data;

means for using the received data to locate at least one media data server, the media data server separate from the media network and controlled by a media data owner independent of the media service provider; and

means for accessing the requested media data from the media data server.

51. (Currently Amended) The method system of Claim 50 47, wherein the media network comprises an Internet.

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